

#### CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement and the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08a/b (2 sheets), a copy of an International Search Report, a copy of a Written Opinion, copies of three (3) Combined Search and Examination Reports from The Patent Office in Great Britain, and copies of fourteen (14) references are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail under Label No. EV 921045510 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

Date: 4/10/06

Attorney Docket No.: 102792-566 (11409P4 US)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Karlheinz Ulrich Gerhard HAHN et al.

SERIAL NO. : To Be Assigned

CUSTOMER NO. : 27389
FILED : Herewith

FOR : WATER-SOLUBLE GLASS COMPOSITION

ART UNIT : To Be Assigned EXAMINER : To Be Assigned

April 10, 2006

Mail Stop PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s) respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b.

# I. Timeliness, Fees and Certifications in lieu of Fees

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, or within three months of entry into the national stage, or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement does not require a fee or a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e). However, should the Commissioner determine that a fee is, in fact, due, the

10/575219 IAP9Rec'd PCT/PTO 10 APR 2006

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

# II. Copies of Listed References

Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b are being supplied. Copies of U.S. patents are not included pursuant to Pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003.

### III. Concise Statement of Relevance

This application is a PCT national stage application, and all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b were cited in the specification; or in the International Search Report dated February 9, 2005, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached; or in any of three (3) Combined Search and Examination Reports from The Patent Office in Great Britain dated September 30, 2004, August 9, 2004, and March 19, 2004, and English-language versions of those search reports, which indicate the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, are attached.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

NORRIS MCLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A.

Andrew N. Parfomak

Reg. No. 32,431

Attorney for Applicant(s)

875 Third Avenue

18th Floor

New York, New York 10022

(212) 808-0700

TO 15 75 2 TO BHOSA (08-03)
Approved for use through 7/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of a making unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Application Number

To Be Assigned 1 Application Number Substitute for form PTO-1449 Filing Date: April 10, 2006 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE First Named Inventor Karlheinz Ulrich Gerhard HAHN STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Art Unit To Be Assigned Examiner Name: To Be Assigned Sheet 1 of 2 Attorney Docket Number: 102792-566 (11409P4 US) U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS Cite Name of Patentee or Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Examiner's **Document Number** Publication No.1 **Applicant of Cited Document** Initials\* Relevant Passages or Relevant Date Number-Kind Code<sup>2</sup> MM-DD-YYYY Figures Appear US - 3,677,82007-18-1972 Rutkowski 06-07-1966 US - 3,255,117 Knapp et al. US - 2004/138043 07-15-2004 Kasuga et al. **Tables 1,3,5** A1 US - 6,582,507 B1 06-24-2003 Cao et al. Example 2 US - 2003/0052299 03-20-2003 Umeda et al. Examples 3-1 to 3-12 in Table 4 on page 10 US - 4,443,270 A 04-17-1984 Biard et al. Column 2, lines 16-29 US-US-US-US-US-US-US -US-**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS** Cite Examiner's Foreign Patent Document Publication Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Name of Patentee or Initials\* No. **Applicant of Cited Document** Relevant Passages or Relevant Date Country Code<sup>3</sup> -Number<sup>4</sup>-Kind Code<sup>5</sup> MM-DD-YYY Figures Appear EP 0 383 480 A1 08-22-1990 Caravajal et al. EP 0 383 482 A1 08-22-1990 Cilley EP 0 387 997 A1 09-19-1990 Cilley et al. WO 01/64823 A 09-07-2001 Hahn GB 2 372 500 A 08-28-2002 Hahn Claim 15 WO 00/39259 A 07-06-2000 Hahn \*1 WO 96/36687 A 11-21-1996 Angevaare et al. WO 2004/106476 A 12-09-2004 Hahn Claims 1-17 EP 1 493 720 A 01-05-2005 Kasuga et al. Table 2 BE 860 180 A2 04-27-1978 \*2 Cited in the application; page 12, paragraph 2 GB 1 586 067 A 03-18-1981 Bognolo et al. Claims 1-18 GB 2 309 032 A 07-16-1997 Smith et al. Claim 12

10/575219<sub>PTO/SB/08A</sub> (08-03) Approved for use through 7/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number 10-31-2001 Hahn GB 2 361 708 A 01-26-1983 Biard et al. EP 0 070 587 A1 NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item Examiner's Cite (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city Initials\* No. and/or country where published. Copy of International Search Report dated February 9, 2005 for application PCT/GB2004/004414 Copy of Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority for application PCT/GB2004/004414 Copy of Combined Search and Examination Report from The Patent Office in Great Britain dated March 19, 2004 for application GB 0324295.5 Copy of Combined Search and Examination Report from The Patent Office in Great Britain dated August 9, 2004 for application GB 0404469.9 Copy of Combined Search and Examination Report from The Patent Office in Great Britain dated September 30, 2004 for application GB 0404470.7

#### **EXAMINER SIGNATURE:**

DATE CONSIDERED:

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 'Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 'See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. 'Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 'for Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 'Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 'Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.197 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing this form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

\*1 English language abstract only

<sup>\*2</sup> See English language equivalent GB 1 586 067